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RECYCLE IN LIGHT WATER REACTORS

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1. FOLLOWING IS VERBATIM WRITTEN RESPONSE RECEIVED EMBASSY FROM CH'IEN SZU-LIANG (6929/1835/0081), CHAIRMAN, ATOMIC ENERGY COUNCIL, REPUBLIC OF CHINA (ROC) IN REGARD REF. (B) MESSAGE:

QUOTE. THE URANIUM ENRICHMENT SERVICES REQUIRED FOR OUR NUCLEAR UNITS NO.1 AND NO.2 ARE OF THE TYPE REQUIRED FOR REACTOR LIFETIME. FOR UNITS NO.3 THROUGH NO.6 THEY ARE STANDARD, LONG-TERM, FIXED-COMMITMENT TYPE FOR REACTOR LIFETIME. FOR NONE OF THESE IS THERE A PROVISIONAL CONTRACT. THEREFORE, THE DEFERRALS OF THE LICENSING ACTION ON PLUTONIUM RECYCLE WOULD NOT AFFECT OUR NUCLEAR PROGRAM.

WE WILL OBSERVE ANY SAFEGUARD MEASURES THAT MAY BE CALLED FOR AFTER THE FINAL SAFEGUARD DECISION IS MADE

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WHETHER PLUTONIUM RECYCLE IS INVOLVED OR NOT.

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WE WOULD LIKE TO CALL THE ATTENTION OF THE NRC TO THE
WORLD-WIDE SHORTAGE OF NUCLEAR FUEL REPROCESSING CAPACITY.

IF THE RECYCLING OF PLUTONIUM IS ADOPTED AS A SOLUTION
TO SOME PROBLEMS, WE MUST NOT LOSE SIGHT OF THE ACTUAL
DIFFICULTIES INVOLVED IN ACQUIRING THE REQUIRED PLUTONIUM
ITSELF. THEREFORE, WE HOPE THAT IN ANY NEW DECISIONS
THAT ARE MADE THE ASSIGNED SWU FOR ENRICHMENT NEEDS WILL
BE CALCULATED ON THE BASIS OF HOW MUCH PLUTONIUM IS
ACTUALLY AVAILABLE TO THE INDIVIDUAL COUNTRY IN QUESTION
RATHER THAN ON GENERAL ASSUMPTIONS. END QUOTE.
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